

## **VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 16, 2015**

**6:30PM**

### **MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The Village of New Lexington met in regular session with Mayor Eveland presiding. Council Members present were Trent Thompson, Richard Anderson, Tim Fiore, Jeff Danison and Al Vandewater. Also present were Village Administrator Scott Bryant, Finance Director Heather Rockwell, Police Chief Scott Ervin, and Acting Fire Chief Gary Jones. Absent were Kathy Chute and Polly Pletcher.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Chute and Pletcher, seconded by Councilperson Danison. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes for March 2, 2015 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes" except for Councilperson Danison who abstained due to being absent from the March 2, 2015 meeting. Motion carried

Mayor Eveland reported that he has received a lot of complaints regarding potholes. The Street Dept. is repairing potholes as they are reported.

Finance Director Rockwell presented Council with the February 2015 bank reconciliation, a supplemental appropriation ordinance and the February 2015 monthly reports. Ms. Rockwell requested a motion to accept the February 2015 monthly reports at this meeting or the next scheduled meeting.

Administrator Bryant presented Council with a status update on the Streetscape project and an ordinance to update the codified ordinances. Bryant explained that ODOT is requesting a decision on whether to move forward on the Streetscape project. The Village needs additional funding of \$208,400 to move forward. After some discussion, Council decided that the Streetscape project will need to be abandoned at this time due to a lack of funding. Bryant also notified Council that the OEPA DWAF training required for grant funding is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2015 from 5PM to 7PM at City Hall. Fifty percent of Council is required to complete the training to receive funding.

Police Chief Ervin reported an increase in parking ticket collections.

Acting Fire Chief Jones inquired about the status of the update to the Pike Township Fire & EMS contract. Administrator Bryant stated he would check with the attorney on the status. Jones also informed Council that he is changing the dispatch protocol for the Fire Department so that Fire services are sometimes dispatched with EMS. This will also need the approval of the Mayor. Mayor Eveland asked if the Fire Department has established a plan to recover the deficit. Eveland also stated that if the firemen were to be volunteers the department could save \$55,000 per year.

Councilperson Fiore reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on March 3 and March 10. The committee discussed changing some of the pool rates to counteract the increase in minimum wage for the lifeguards. There was discussion of expanding the

programs offered at the pool such as swimming lessons, water aerobics, etc. They also discussed having 4<sup>th</sup> of July on Friday, July 3. This would save the Village overtime costs for the employees that have to work at the event. The Village would also receive a 10% discount on the cost of fireworks if held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Councilperson Vandewater reported that the Planning Commission is working on organizing the economic committee of five people to meet with the Planning Commission. Vandewater also discussed the HTC Community surveys that were emailed.

Councilperson Vandewater inquired about a grant for the Fire Department for an ATV to be used as a rescue vehicle. Councilperson Thompson stated that the grant was for \$7,500 and the department would need a 100% match of \$7,500 to receive the grant. Vandewater asked if the Village could pay the match and the Fire Department would repay the Village once the funds were raised. Mayor Eveland indicated that this would be unfavorable given the situation with Local Government Services.

Councilperson Fiore asked if the reservoir would be stocked with trout this year and also asked if the Village gets to choose which fish are stocked. Administrator Bryant indicated that ODNR stocks the reservoir and they choose which species of fish are stocked. Bryant also stated he believes this will happen later this week. Police Chief Ervin informed Councilperson Fiore that information is available on the Ohio Department of Wildlife website.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-5 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Vandewater. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-5: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-4 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE SEWER OPERATING FUND WITH THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 15-5 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Fiore made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance No. 15-6 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Thompson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-6: **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE 2015 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 15-6 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Fiore. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Eveland entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

  
Mayor Dale Eveland

  
Council Clerk Lisa Spohn